

Mayor and City Council Update May 8, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



Administration

Assistant City Administrator Position - Search Update

Interviews were held this week with five candidates for the Assistant City Administrator position. The candidate(s) selected for the next phase of the interview process is yet to be determined. We will continue to provide updates about the process.

Library

Summer Reading – Staff completed design of the Summer Reading app this week and submitted it for review by the Beanstack staff. The library is on schedule to launch Summer Reading on June 1.

First Sunday Lectures – The long-running lecture series sponsored by the Friends of Smyrna Library resumed this past Sunday with a webinar presentation by Philip Ivester about the Concord Covered Bridge. The participation was tremendous with 53 in virtual attendance. The June lecture is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, by Jim Auchmuty about the history of barbecue in America. Yum.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Environmental Services:

The RFQ's for an Energy Service Provider have been reviewed and scored and the top three are being interviewed this week.

Staff submitted a possible Eagle Scout project pertaining to the Community Garden. There are 21 new plot beds to be assembled and placed in the garden.

Staff continues to finalize the ARC Green Communities Application. Many thanks to all departments who have assisted.

Janet and Julie continue to work off-site.

KSB, Inc.

Julie Barwig participated as a panelist in a virtual roundtable sponsored by Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation. Julie spoke about how to stay connected to volunteers during this time. She did an excellent job. The other panelists were:

- Partner & Donor Outreach Lea King-Badyna
- Engaging Residents Through Creative Activities Karen Bell
- Online Education Pam Carswell
- Engaging Your Board Schelly Marlatt
- **Volunteer Outreach: How to Stay Connected Julie Barwig**
- Taking It Digital: Keeping Your Audience Interested & Informed Taylor Schwensohn

KSB will not hold a formal board meeting in May. Logistics and availability of board members(including available technology) are challenging.

Recycling Center:

Westrock Recycling is open on County Services Parkway. We are directing residents to them until the Center can reopen safely.

Staff is continuing to work in the warehouse cleaning up, and catching up, from before we closed.

A plan for a soft opening has been created and submitted. Hours/days will be limited, and appointments will be required to insure social distancing and safety for staff and residents.

Parks & Recreation

Our staff continues to complete athletic field tasks, such as weekly mowing, edging, dragging and weed control. This past week we concluded tree removals at a few parks as well as sod installation where it was necessary due to the tree removals.

Our Parks staff continues to change out trash receptacles city wide on a day to day basis based on the huge influx of activity in our city's parks system.

Next week, we will begin core aerification on the athletic fields. This process helps alleviate compaction and allows for a better stand of turf grass to grow by allowing air, water and nutrients more readily available to the plants.

Public Works

Public Works Director has implemented an (A)Typical Work plan which will consist of adjusting public works staff into two groups/ two different work schedules (Group A & B). This adjustment to staffing is to continue all services in Public Works to the citizens of Smyrna and limit risk and exposure to staff during this national health emergency .Public works hours will remain 7am to 4pm, with all sanitation routes remaining the same along with water sewer emergencies and roadway repairs.

Fleet division is currently having a new fuel canopy installed at Public Works, the last canopy was installed over 35 years ago and has survived many storms, due to condition it was deemed to be replaced last budget year. New canopy will be installed next few weeks after designed.



Water/Sewer Division is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer sonar equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and capacities of flow, this technology cuts down on cost of fuel and repairs and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as our Jet Truck And video inspection equipment. Staff will grade a Council Ward and the areas that need attention will be addressed with jet truck and video inspection to determine what needs to be done to correct the issue. This project is taking place in Ward 4.

Public Works, Fire, Communications (911) are working together for the Cities ISO Audit due late June 2020. When final paperwork is submitted by Staff, we will receive our Rating.

Phase 2 of the South Cobb water main install from Banks Street to Benson Poole is in design phase. Crews on site surveying for design, draft is being reviewed by public works staff for final drawings to be completed. Second review before final release was reviewed 4/1/2020. Public works is making a few more revisions to plans before submittal for final drawings. These plans are being drawn up to have the rest of South Cobb Drive water line from Banks Street to Benson Poole abandoned in the middle of South Cobb Drive and moved to the right of way. Plans are in the final design stage after field verification. Drawings will be received as early as next week for approval.

Water/ Sewer division will have several sewer lines throughout the city CIPP, areas will consist of section of Lake Drive, Carolyn Drive, Brenda Drive, Rolling view Drive, Lee Street, Roswell Street, Glen Roy Drive and Plaza@ Old Concord road. once those sections are completed more lines in budget year 2021 will begin. Lake Drive has been completed with lining along with Old Concord Road @ Plaza Drive.

Sanitary Sewer Outfall Sub-Basin 3 project: Pipe Lining Project complete. Few minor areas needed attention to complete job. Weather permitting.

Church Street Water Main Project: Contractor installed over 4,000 LFT of new water main and services from South Cobb to King Street. Only 6 residential tie ins remain and 8 " T to be installed and water test has been completed, services remain to be tied into complete water main install to wrap up project.

Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications: Contractor RDJE has started installing new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on south side of project moving towards South Cobb Drive. RDJE also has started the water installation on this project from Beaver Creek to San Fernando Drive.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Utility coordination meeting was held with PW and all utilities that are being relocated and removed on 4/15/2020. NTP was scheduled May 4th. Pw held another utility coordination meeting with all utility holders May 5th. Asbestos abatement for 695 Windy Hill road has been completed, this is the last remaining demolition that remains to be demoed, demo is scheduled for next week. All Trees within the BLVD project are being removed this week as well.

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire-1

Medical- 47

Other- 49

Total- 97

The final class of ULP was held via Zoom and featured Smyrna's Chief Acree, Austell's Chief Merritt, Marietta's Chief Milligan, and Cobb County's Chief Crider. All Chiefs answered several questions from class participants, as well as discussing leadership and how it relates to the past, present, and future of Fire Service.



We would like to congratulate all of our Smyrna Fire United Leadership Program graduates! Battalion Chief Mohrmann and Lieutenants Peisel, Whatley, Romano, Paul, and Sadowski



UNITED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Thomas Parrott Lieutenant	Kenneth Strong Assistant Chief	Michael Porterfield Lieutenant/ EMS Director
Jason Jones Captain	David George Battalion Chief	Michael Cooksey Captain
Ronald Sadowski Lieutenant	Ian Martin Battalion Chief	Jeremiah Lewis Captain
Michael Bell Captain	Jerry Studdard Battalion Chief	Hoke Smith Captain
Joshua Antinozzi Captain	Ty Howard Lieutenant	Chuck Mindel Lieutenant
George McKeahan Commander	Donald Reed Lieutenant	Patrick Stewart Commander
Richard Franklin Lieutenant	Eric Mohrmann Battalion Chief	Joseph Paul Lieutenant
Bryan Peisel Lieutenant	Frank Romano Lieutenant	Brannon Whatley Lieutenant

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Police Department

Total number of arrests: 13
Total number of citations issued: 148
Total number of warnings issued: 109
Total number of calls for service: 949
Total number of employees on limited duty:

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	3	\$456,924	1-Smyrna Grove 2-Village of Belmont
Building Remodel/Residential	7	\$351,374	2-Reroof 2-Interior 1-Remodel w/Addition 2-Pool
Building Remodel/Commercial	1	\$20,000	1-Cell Tower – 2646 Atlanta Rd
Electrical	-	-	-
Plumbing	5	-	-
HVAC	12	-	-
Signs	-	-	-
Grading	-	-	-

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	190	78

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
HARPER LOGISTICS LLC	4800 HIGHLANDS PKWY SE	C	FREIGHT TRANSPORT
DOGWOOD FAMILY HOMES LLC	1110 STEPHENS ST SE	H	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

Sunday, May 10, 2020

